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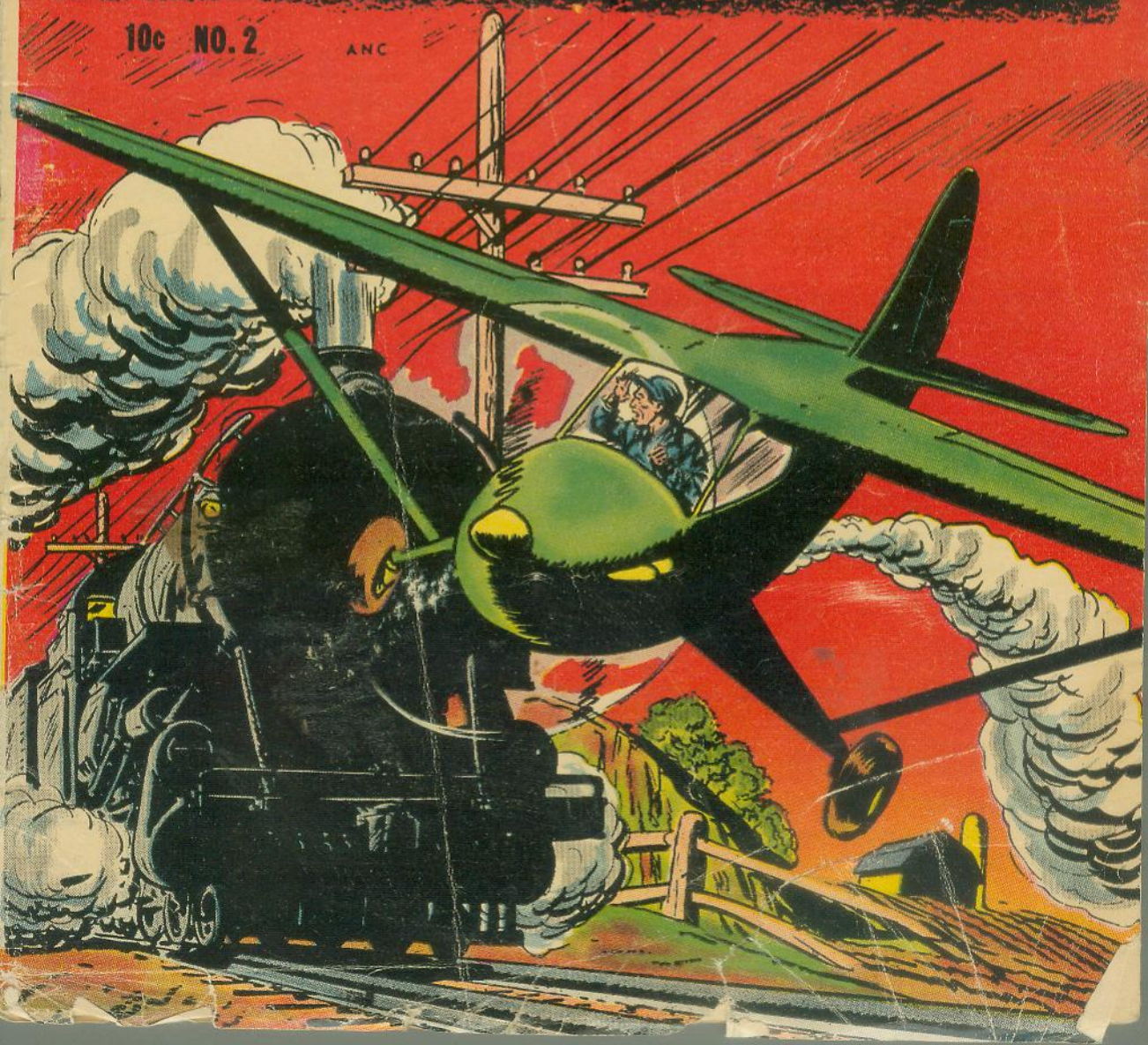
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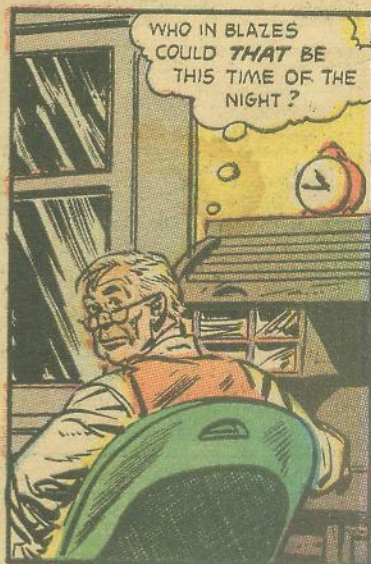
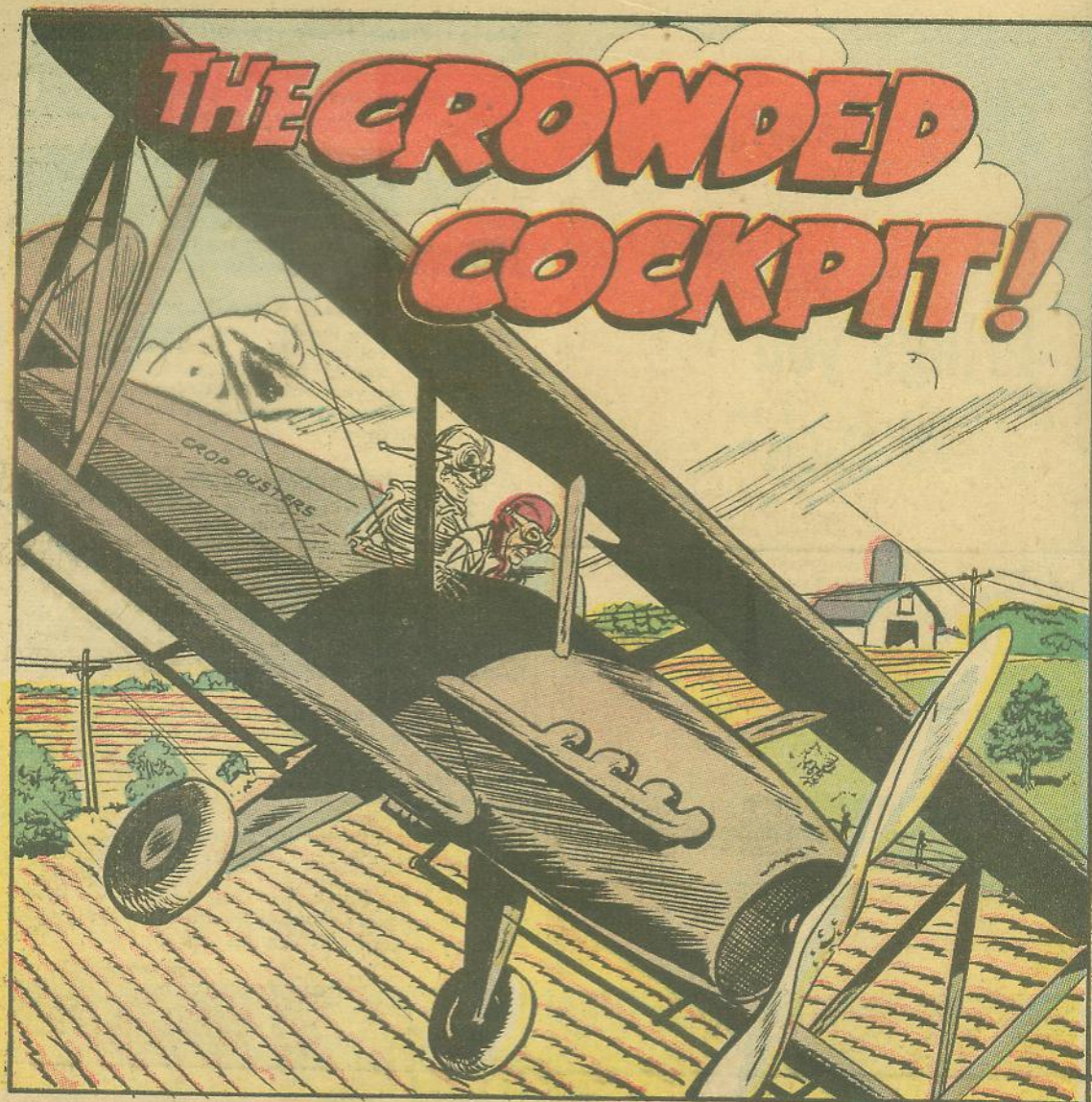
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EVEN HEAR YOUR CAR PULL
UP.

YOU MORT
GREEN?



SOMETIMES WISH I
WASN'T—BUT THAT'S ME,
ALL RIGHT. WHAT CAN I DO
FOR YOU?

I READ YOUR AD IN THE
PAPER. **PILOTS WANTED**,
IT SAID. I'M A PILOT!

MORT GREEN SLUMPS
DOWN INTO THE CHAIR
BEHIND HIS DESK—AND
FOR A LONG TIME HE
SAYS NOTHING AT ALL...



THAT MUST BE AN OLD
PAPER YOU GOT THERE,
SON. THAT AD RAN
LAST MONTH. TWO BOYS
HAVE SIGNED UP FOR
FLYING JOBS WITH ME
SINCE. THEY'RE BOTH
DEAD NOW!



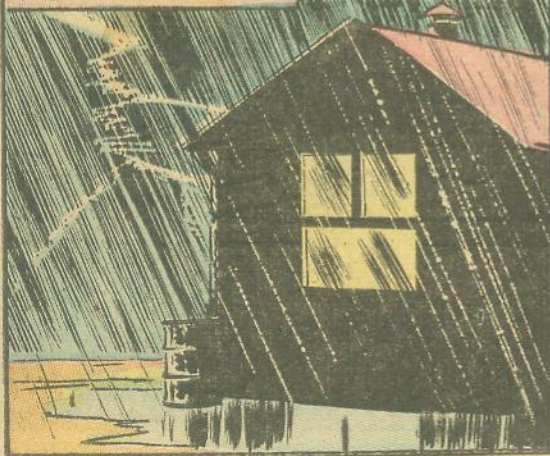
CAN'T SAY OTHERWISE...
THERE'S GOOD MONEY IN
CROP SPRAYING. BUT
THERE'S **DANGER** TOO—
AT LEAST 50 **DEATHS**
EVERY SEASON! YOU SIGN
UP WITH ME, SON...THERE
AIN'T AN INSURANCE MAN
WHO'LL COME
INSIDE 10
MILES OF
YOU...



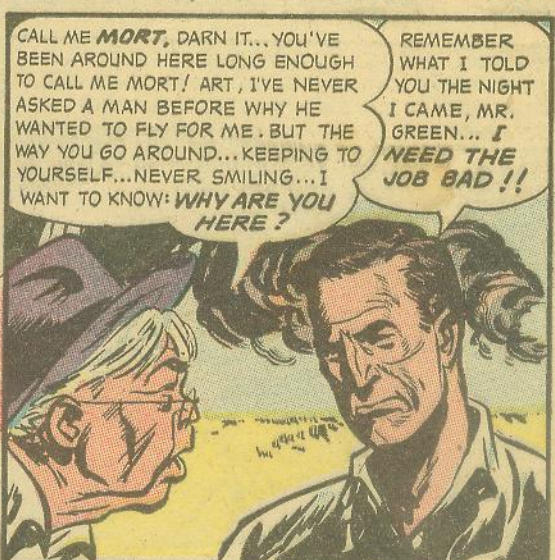
THAT'S THE PICTURE, SON.
I DON'T WANT YOU WALKING
INTO ANYTHING WITH YOUR
EYES CLOSED. NOW TELL
ME— **DO YOU NEED A
JOB THAT BAD?**



THE STRANGER HAS TO WAIT BEFORE HE CAN AN-
SWER. FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES AN EAR-SPLITTING CLAP
OF THUNDER TO RUMBLE INTO NOTHINGNESS, THE
STRANGER HAS TO WAIT...



YEAH... I NEED IT THAT BAD.



THE NEXT MORNING, ART IS MAKING HIS FIRST PASS OVER A FIELD OF MESQUITE TREES...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, BOSS?

I'M NOT THINKING. I'M JUST WATCHING.



HE'S COMING IN TOO HIGH, BOSS. THE SPRAY'S SPREADING TOO THIN.

SIGNAL HIM TO TRY IT LOWER.



A FEW PASSES LATER—

WOW! WATCH THAT BOY BANK!

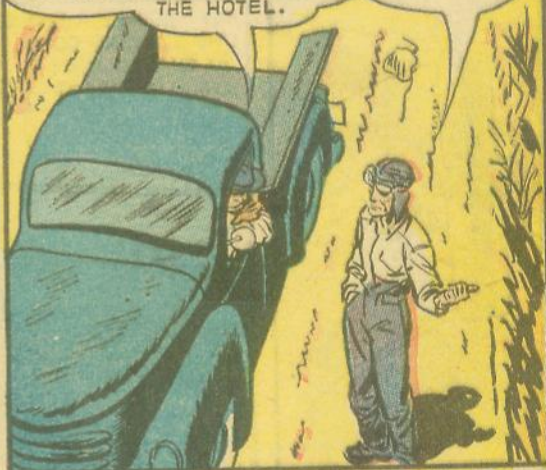
FIRST TIME I EVER SAW ANYBODY CATCH ON THAT FAST!

HE'LL DO, CHARLIE. WE GOT OURSELVES ONE SWEET FLYER!



THAT WAS MORE THAN O.K. FOR A BEGINNER, SON. HOP INTO MY CAR. I'LL DRIVE YOU BACK TO THE HOTEL.

I HAVE MY OWN CAR, MR. GREEN.



YOU'RE DRIVING BACK WITH ME! AND YOU'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY... YOU FEEL GOOD NOW! YOU FEEL YOU HAVE THIS JOB BY THE TAIL! WELL, YOU'RE WRONG, SON! THERE'S A MILLION WAYS THIS JOB CAN KILL YOU. THAT YOU'VE NEVER DREAMED ABOUT! AND YOU'RE GOING TO LISTEN WHILE I TRY TO DRUM SOME OF THEM INTO YOUR HEAD...



ART SHRUGS AND SILENTLY CLIMBS INTO HIS BOSS'S CAR...

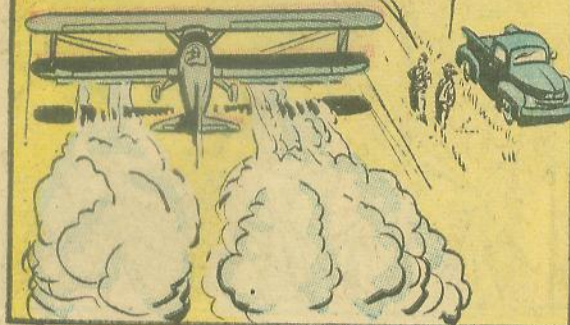
THERE'S SPECIAL TRICKS, SON...WAYS OF FLYING INTO WIRES... DODGING THE SPRAY TANKS IF YOU CRASH... BANKING THE PLANE SO YOU DON'T STALL...



THE NEXT DAY—

YOU GIVE HIM THE
MILLION DOLLAR LECTURE
LAST NIGHT, BOSS?

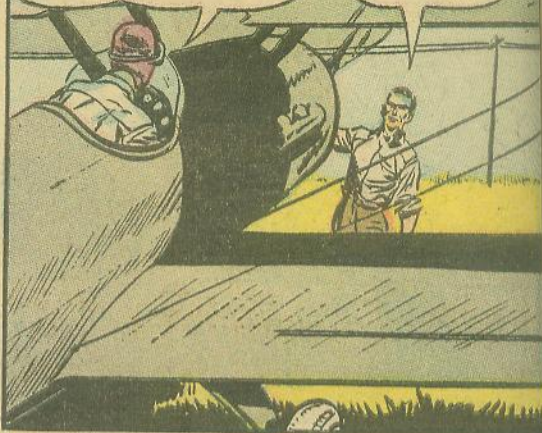
YEAH...HE LISTENED
WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.
ALL WE CAN DO IS
PRAY THAT SOME
OF IT SOAKED
IN.



SIX JOBS AND TWO WEEKS LATER—

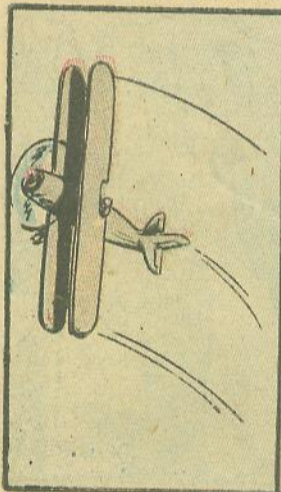
IT'S PLENTY
HIGH. JUST
KEEP FLYING UNDER
IT, AND YOU'LL BE
ALL RIGHT.

THIS IS A SWEET SET-UP—
A WIRE RUNNING **RIGHT**
ACROSS THE FIELD...

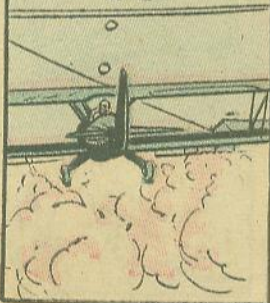


SO ART TAKES OFF, MAKES
HIS FIRST PASS, BANKS...

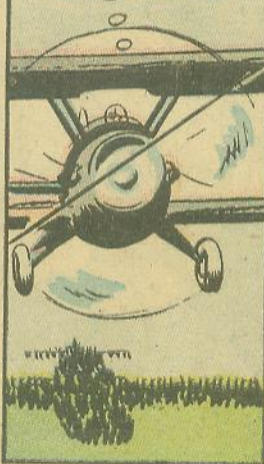
...AND BEGINS
WHIZZING BACK—



HEY! THERE'S A SERVICE
LINE SLANTING DOWN
TO THAT SHACK!
CHARLIE FORGOT
TO WARN ME
ABOUT **THAT**!



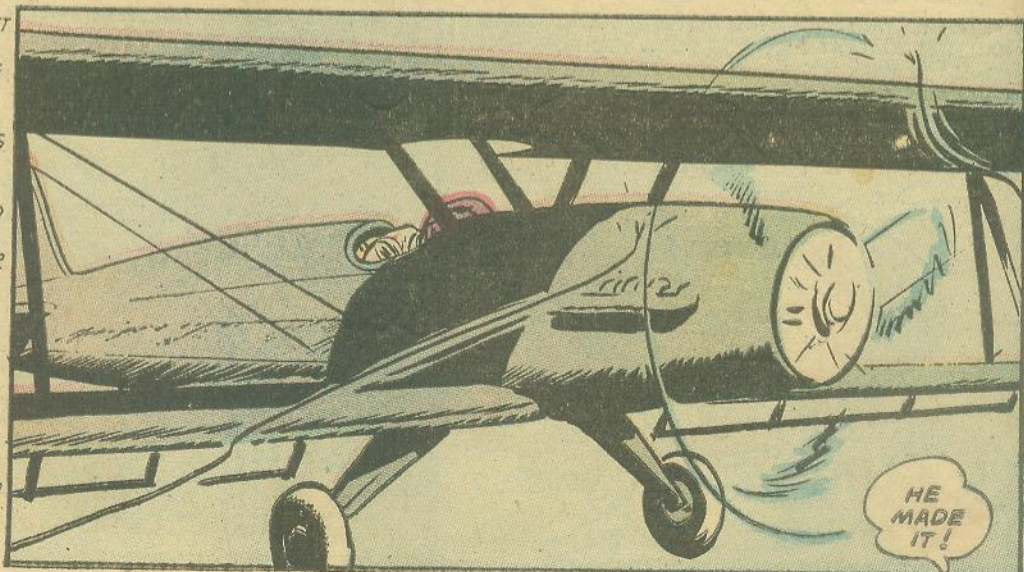
CAN'T BANK...
TOO LATE...



THAT RIDE WITH MORT...
SPECIAL TRICKS...WAYS
OF FLYING INTO THE
WIRE...



"YOU DON'T
TRY TO
MISS THE
WIRE
UNLESS
MISSING'S
A SURE
THING,"
MORT HAD
WARNED.
"GET YOUR
HEAD
DOWN
AND
SLASH
RIGHT
INTO IT
WITH
YOUR
PRO-
PELLER."



HE
MADE
IT!

CHARLIE TELLS ME YOU HAD A NARROW SQUEAK YESTERDAY, SON. YOU CAME THROUGH FINE, HE SAYS... THINK YOU'RE READY TO GRADUATE FROM SPRAYING TO DUSTING ON THE NEXT JOB?

ANYTHING YOU SAY.



IT'S NOT ANYTHING I SAY! DUSTING IS NOT TIDDLY-WINKS... IT'S TWICE AS DANGEROUS AS SPRAYING! THERE'LL BE NO FLAG MAN OUT... THAT MEANS YOU HAVE TO BANK EXTRA SHARP SO YOU CAN GET BACK IN TIME TO USE YOUR OWN DUST SWATHE AS A GUIDE ON THE NEXT PASS... AND EXTRA SHARP BANKS WITH HEAVY LOADS MEANS STALLS AND CRASHES!!



I'M SICK OF YOUR CLUCKING OVER ME LIKE AN OLD HEN! AREN'T YOU USED TO HAVING MEN WORKING FOR YOU... OR HAVE THEY ALL BEEN BOYS UP TO NOW? I'LL BE READY TO FLY IN THE MORNING... NOW LEAVE ME ALONE!



IN THE MORNING...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, MORT? I THOUGHT YOU HAD TO GO TO SIOUX CITY TODAY!

SIOUX CITY'LL WAIT. I WANT TO BE ON HAND FOR...

YOU MR. GREEN?

SOMETIMES I WISH I WASN'T... BUT THAT'S ME ALRIGHT. WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

I'M JACK WENTWORTH. AIR CORPS. I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOUR OUTFIT. MIND IF I WATCH YOUR DAREDEVILS GO THROUGH THEIR PACES?

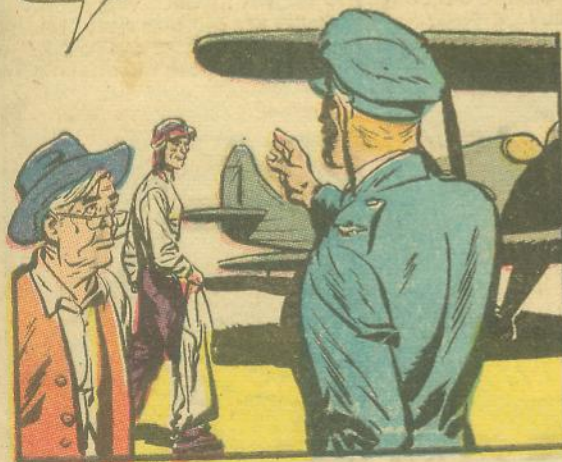


O.K. BY ME. MAKE YOURSELF...

ART BARTELL! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

HELLO, JACK... ER... SEE YOU LATER, HAVE TO RUSH.

STALL, ART! DON'T LET HIM TAKE-OFF TILL AFTER I'VE TALKED TO THE COLONEL!



MORT BEGINS FIRING QUESTIONS AT THE COLONEL!

YES, I KNOW ART BARTELL. ART WAS IN MY TRAINING SQUADRON DURING THE WAR. WE WERE STATIONED IN FLORIDA. ART AND HIS YOUNGER BROTHER MAX...



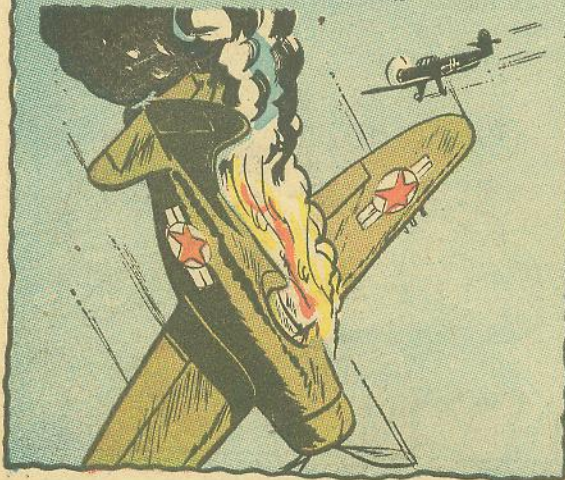
"ART WAS ALWAYS EASY-GOING, RELAXER. ONLY ONE TIME I EVER SAW HIM LOSE HIS HEAD..."

I DID IT, ART! I PUT IN FOR OVERSEAS DUTY!

I SHOULD SLUG YOU... YOU RIBBON-CRAZY LITTLE PUNK! WE'RE DOING A JOB HERE. THE AIR CORPS NEEDS INSTRUCTORS AS MUCH AS IT DOES COMBAT PILOTS! WHAT'D YOU HAVE TO STICK YOUR NECK OUT FOR?



"MAX'S ORDERS CAME THROUGH... HE WENT OVERSEAS. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A FIGHTER SQUADRON, HE WENT DOWN ON HIS ELEVENTH MISSION..."



"WHEN ART HEARD, IT HIT HIM BAD..."

MY KID BROTHER... (SOL)... I LET HIM GO... ALL BY HIMSELF...



THE WAR ENDED, AND ART DROPPED OUT OF THE PICTURE. TILL FIVE MINUTES AGO, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM...

SO THAT'S WHY HE WANTED THE JOB SO BAD!

ART! GET OUTTA THAT PLANE!!



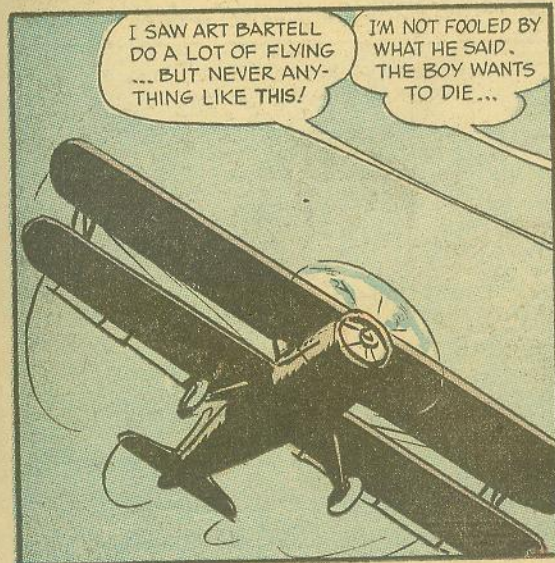
YOU CRAZY FOOL! IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW... YOU'RE HERE TRYING TO PAY FOR YOUR KID BROTHER'S DEATH! EVERYTIME YOU GO UP YOU HOPE YOU'LL CRASH!



YOU'RE STILL ALIVE ONLY BECAUSE YOU'RE A NATURAL AT THE CONTROLS LIKE A CHAMPION SWIMMER TRYING TO DROWN HIMSELF... HE KEEPS COMING UP! BUT EVERYTIME YOU FLY, THAT COCKPIT'S CROWDED! DEATH IS IN THERE WITH YOU, WAITING FOR YOU TO MAKE THE FIRST MISTAKE... CLIMB DOWN, ART!

I'M NOT LETTING YOU GO UP AGAIN!

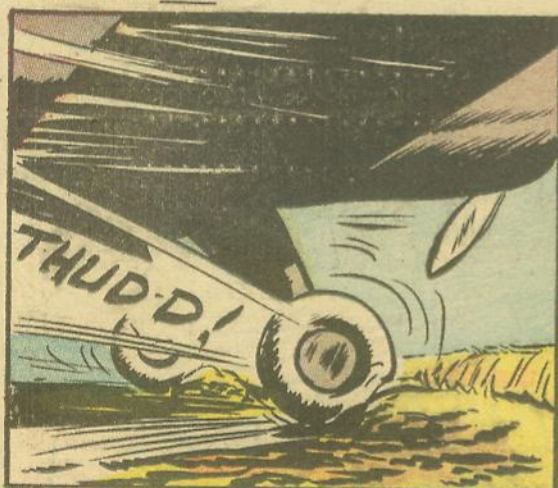






THE PLANE'S WHEELS HIT THE NEAR SIDE OF THE DITCH HARD!

AND THE BOUNCE CARRIES IT SAFELY ACROSS!!



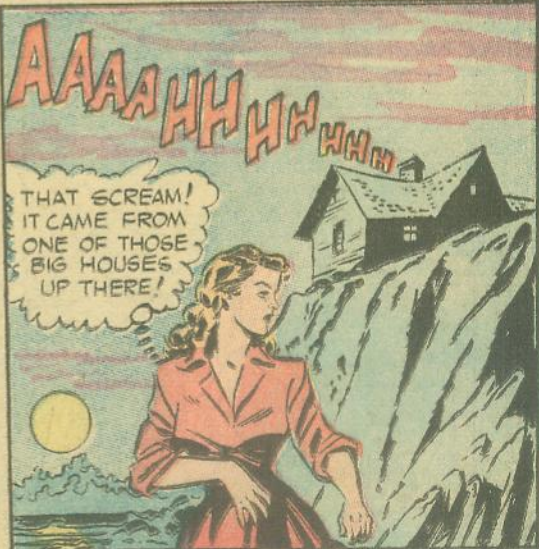
THE END



AS A REPORTER FOR A BIG CITY DAILY, I'VE SEEN MANY THINGS. BUT IT TOOK A TINY FISHING VILLAGE TO GIVE ME A STORY I STILL FIND HARD TO BELIEVE... THE STORY OF THE MARY B., THE MYSTERIOUS DROWNINGS... AND A GHOST WHO BROUGHT....

DEATH from the SEA!

MY NAME IS LINDA CAIN, AND THIS IS MY STORY. IT BEGAN SIMPLY ENOUGH. I WAS SPENDING A QUIET VACATION IN THE LITTLE COASTAL TOWN OF ROCKYLAND. ONE NIGHT, AS I WAS STROLLING ALONG THE TINY BEACH...



AS I PUSHED MY WAY THROUGH THE CROWD OF TOWNSPEOPLE IN THE FIRST BIG HOUSE....

HE'S DEAD...AND APPARENTLY OF DROWNING!

SO ELLIOT CRAVEN'S GONE ... SAME WAY AS HIS RELATIVES BEFORE HIM!

THAT MAKES KIM CRAVEN, THE LAST OF THE FAMILY.

DOCTOR, DO YOU MEAN THAT A PERSON CAN DIE OF DROWNING WHILE DRINKING WATER?

WELL, HE COULD HAVE HAD A CHOKING FIT, SWALLOWED TOO MUCH....IT'S POSSIBLE BUT...

HEH HEH! POSSIBLE, BUT NOT PROBABLE!

ALL OF YE KNOW HOW ELLIOT CRAVEN DIED...IT'S CAP'N BILLY'S REVENGE! KIM IS NEXT! HEH HEH HEH!

OLD MARY! I KNEW SHE WOULD BE CLOSE BY!

DOCTOR, WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

THE DOCTOR TOLD ME JUST ENOUGH OF THE STORY TO AROUSE MY CURIOSITY....

JUST SILLY SUPERSTITION. YOU SEE, THE ANCESTORS OF THE CRAVENS WERE SHIPWRECKERS, AND THE LOCAL FOLKS THINK THERE'S A CURSE ON THE FAMILY.

AND THIS KIM CRAVEN LIVES NEXT DOOR DOESN'T HE?

HMM! THERE OUGHT TO BE A SUNDAY FEATURE IN THIS!

AND MOMENTS LATER I WAS CALLING ON KIM CRAVEN....

MR. CRAVEN? I'M LINDA CAIN. A REPORTER. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT...

THE CURSE OF THE CRAVENS? OF COURSE MY DEAR... COME IN! I SELDOM HAVE SUCH LOVELY VISITORS!

HE WAS TALKATIVE AND CHARMING, BUT...

BUT SOMEHOW THERE'S A TOUCH OF EVIL ABOUT HIM!

...IT'S ALL TRUE, EXCEPT FOR THE GHOST. I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS. HERE'S THE REAL REASON FOR THEIR STORIES, THEIR JEALOUSY... HERE IN THIS CHEST.



LOOK, MY DEAR! A KING'S RANSOM!
WHAT IF MY ANCESTORS WERE
WRECKERS? THEY MADE
US RICH...RICH!

HE-HE GIVES
ME THE CREEPS!

WELL, THANKS MR.
CRAVEN. I THINK I'D
BETTER GO...



AND IT'S MINE, NOW THAT ELLIOT'S GONE
--ALL MINE, DO YOU HEAR? ALL I NEED
IS SOMEONE TO SHARE
IT WITH!

PLEASE,
MR. CRAVEN!



LET GO OF
ME, YOU
CRAZY...

AND YOU ARE THE ONE
I'LL SHARE IT WITH,
LINDA! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL,
EXQUISITE! I CAN'T LET
YOU GO! I'LL NEVER LET
YOU GO!

HEH! HEH! OH
YES YOU WILL
KIM CRAVEN..!



YOU'LL LET GO OF
HER RIGHT NOW...
'CAUSE I SAY
YOU WILL!

YOU! W-WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE? GET OUT
OF MY HOUSE!



I'LL GO, KIM... BUT I'M TAKIN'
HER WITH ME! AND I'M WARNIN'
YE... LEAVE THIS YOUNG
LADY ALONE! COME MY
DEAR!

YOU-YOU
OLD WITCH!



WE'LL GO TO MY HOUSE, YOUNGSTER,
AND I'LL TELL YE THE **TRUE** STORY OF
THE BLACK-HEARTED CRAVENS AND
THEIR DIRTY DEEDS!

AND SO I FOUND MYSELF IN THE OLD WOMAN'S TINY COTTAGE BY THE SEA, HEARING THE TALE OF THE CRAVENS, THE MARY B. ... AND CAP'N BILLY BALMORAN.

IT WAS MANY YEARS AGO THAT CAP'N BILLY BALMORAN SAILED THESE WATERS, MY GIRL. AN' HE WAS RESPECTED BY EVERY MAN, AN' LOVED BY HIS CREW... HIM AND HIS PRETTY LITTLE SCHOONER, THE MARY B. ...



A FINE BIG BUCK OF A MAN WAS BILLY BALMORAN... AND NO FOOL, HE KNEW THE SCURVY, MURDERIN' TRICKS OF THE SHIP-WRECKIN' CRAVENS.



BUT ONE NIGHT WHEN CAP'N BILLY WAS CATCHIN' FORTY WINKS, HIS MATE FELL FOR THE FALSE SIGNALS OF THE CRAVENS... AND THE POOR MARY B. PILED UP ON DEAD MAN'S ROCKS.



SHE WAS LOST WITH ALL HANDS, AND A SAD PROCESSION IT WAS THAT NIGHT WHEN THE BODIES FLOATED ASHORE AND THE TOWNFOLK CARRIED 'EM UP THE BLUFFS. THEY NEVER DID FIND THE BODY OF BILLY BALMORAN THOUGH...



BUT THEY SAY THAT BEFORE DAWN THE NEXT DAY, THERE WAS HEARD THE THUD OF HEAVY FOOTSTEPS COMING UP FROM THE SEA, AND THE SOUND OF WATER A-SQUISHIN' OUT OF A MAN'S SEA-BOOT...



SOME CLAIM IT WAS THE GHOST OF BILLY BALMORAN, COME BACK FROM THE SEA SEEKIN' REVENGE AGAINST THE CRAVENS! AT ANY RATE, ONE THING IS CERTAIN...



...EVERY CRAVEN FROM THAT DAY ON HAS DIED OF DROWNIN' AN' BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS AROUND WHEN THEY DO... THEY CALL ME A WITCH, FOOLISH, AIN'T IT?



'CAUSE NOBODY BELIEVES IN GHOSTS AND WITCHES NOWADAYS! HEH HEH HEH!

IT'S A FASCINATING STORY, BUT... BUT I MUST BE GETTING BACK TO THE HOTEL



I DREAMED THAT NIGHT OF BILLY BALMORAN AND THE MARY B. BUT NEXT DAY, JUST AS I HAD DECIDED TO FORGET THE WHOLE THING...

OH IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE SILLY SUPERSTITIONS....

MESSAGE FOR MISS LINDA CAIN!



IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CRAVENS, COME TO THE COTTAGE AGAIN TONIGHT.

FROM THE OLD WOMAN. OH, WELL... MIGHT AS WELL GO. WHY DISAPPOINT THE POOR OLD THING?



IT WAS POURING RAIN THAT NIGHT WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE COTTAGE. NO ONE ANSWERED MY KNOCK, SO...

HELLO! HELLO! ANYONE HOME?



OHhhh!



KIM CRAVEN! BUT I THOUGHT...

THAT THE OLD WOMAN SENT THE NOTE? NO SHE'S GONE ON A FOOL'S ERRAND... AND YOU AND I ARE COMPLETELY ALONE AT LAST, MY DEAR!



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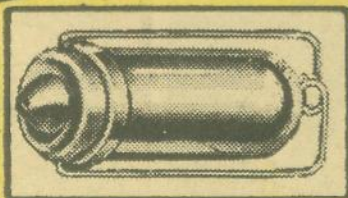
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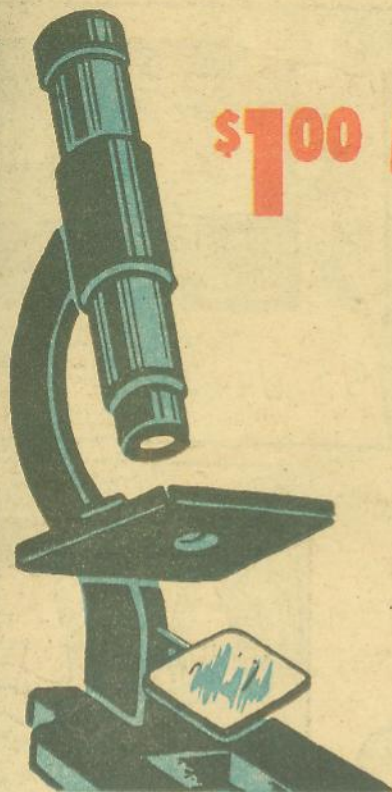
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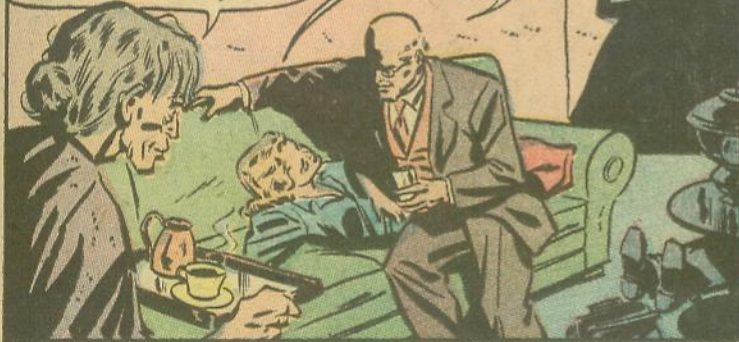


THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER. BUT I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS JUST IN TIME TO HEAR...

BUT THAT ISN'T HOW IT HAPPENED DOCTOR! WHAT ABOUT CAPTAIN BILLY AND...

HEH HEH! THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED, ALRIGHT! HE WAS STRUGGLING WITH THE GIRL! AN' HE FELL THROUGH THE WINDOW! SERVED HIM RIGHT, TOO!

HUSH, YOU'VE HAD A NASTY SHOCK, PROBABLY DREAMED ABOUT...



DOCTOR, WHO IS THAT OLD WOMAN?

DIDN'T YOU KNOW? WHY THAT'S OLD MARY BALMORAN... THEY CALL HER OLD MARY B. SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THAT SEA CAPTAIN THE LEGEND IS ABOUT --- BILLY BALMORAN!



SHE...? OH, I'M SOMIXED UP! I CAN'T BELIEVE... DOCTOR! LOOK AT THE FLOOR!



SEAWEED! AND THE PRINT OF A SEA-BOOT!



WELL, THAT'S MY STORY! WHAT DO YOU THINK? DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE GHOST OF BILLY BALMORAN? AS FOR ME, I'M GOING BACK TO WRITING ABOUT AXE KILLINGS AND KNIFINGS... YOU KNOW, THE SIMPLE KINDS OF MURDER!



SPIKE AND BAT in "Week-End in PARIS!"

WHEN BRIGADIER GENERAL NELSON, USMC, IS SUMMONED FROM THE KOREAN FRONT TO A CONFERENCE OF THE BRASS AT SHAPE HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, SPIKE AND BAT ARE ASSIGNED AS MEMBERS OF HIS ENTOURAGE. AND WHILE THE GOOD GENERAL IS EMBROILED IN A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL WARFARE, THE TWO DEVIL-MAY-CARE MARINES EMBARK ON AN UPROARIOUS, RIOTOUS WEEK-END IN PARIS!



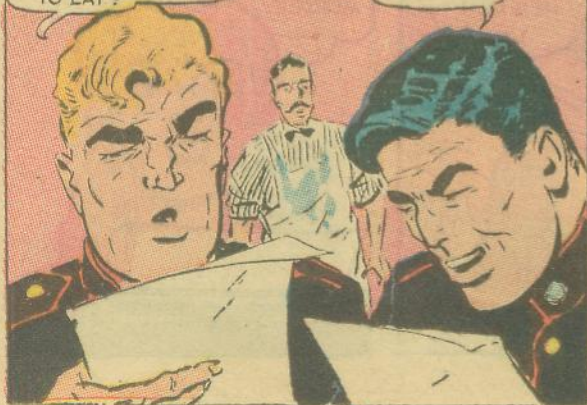
THIS GAY PAREE IS FOR ME, CHUM! SAY, LOOK AT ALL THE CHARACTERS IN THE JOINT... THEY MUST BE REAL BOHEMIANS!

WHO WANTS TO LOOK AT BOHEMIANS... TAKE A LOOK AT THAT CHARACTER UNDER THE SPOT-LIGHT!

A RESTAURANT IN THE LATIN QUARTER OF PARIS...

CREEPIN' GISMOS! THESE FRENCHIES SURE WRITE FUNNY. I CAN'T READ A THING ON THIS MENU. HOW DO YA GO ABOUT GETTIN' SOMETHIN' TO EAT?

BEATS ME! NO USE SHOWIN' OUR IGNORANCE THOUGH, LET'S TAKE A CHANCE AND POINT OUT SOMETHIN' THAT LOOKS GOOD!



HEY, WAITER... GIMME SOME OF THAT!

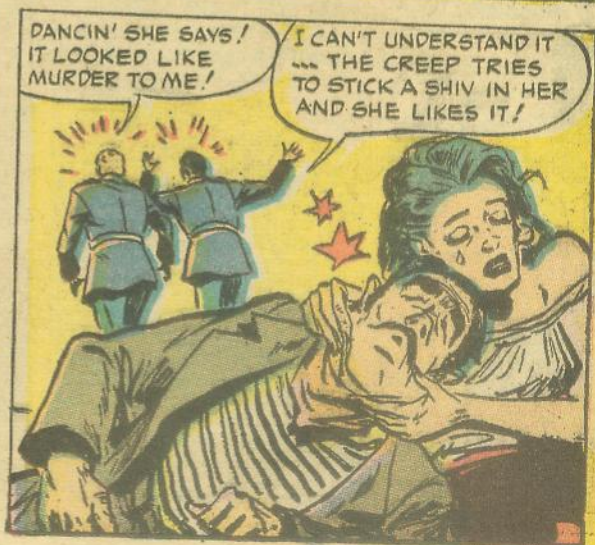
ME TOO!

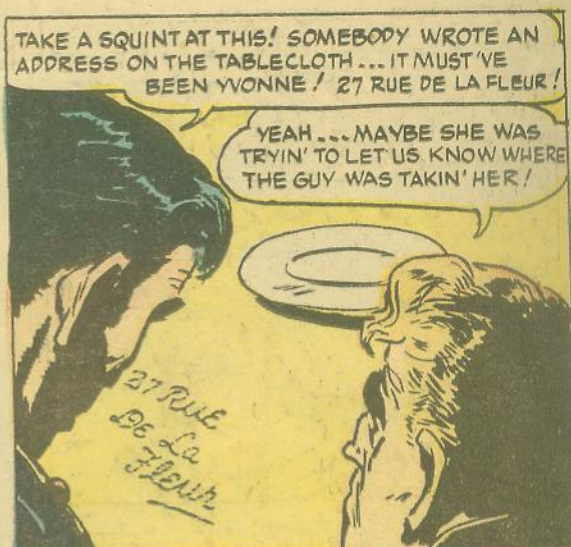
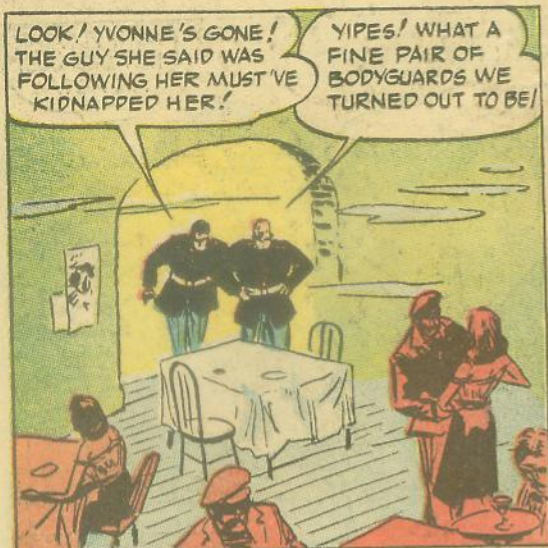
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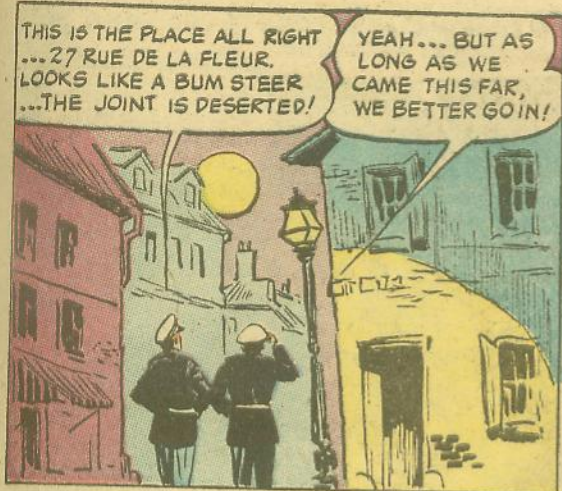












SUDDENLY...



ENTREZ, PEEGS! COMRADE
ARMAND WEEL BE TRES
HAPPY TO SEE YOU!

COMRADE, EH?
LOOKS LIKE WE
FOUND A NEST OF
COMMIES!

WELCOME, MES AMIS! COME
EEN AND GET ACQUAINTED.

YVONNE!

WHAT'S THE IDEA,
BABE? YOU GOT
OUR DOUGH... AIN'T
YOU SATISFIED?

MA FOI! YOU DO ZE MADEMOISELLE AN
INJUSTICE! SHE IS A SECRET AGENT FOR ZE
FRENCH GOVERNMENT. SHE HAS IN HER
POSSESSION A PACKAGE OF MICROFILM OUT-
LINING ZE INVASION PLANS OF... A CERTAIN
POWER. BUT NOW, WE HAVE SEARCHED HER
AND CANNOT FIND ZE FILM!

I HAVE BEEN PROMISED A FABULOUS SUM OF
MONEY FOR ZE RETURN OF THEES FILMS.
I HAVE ZE SUSPICION ZAT SHE GAVE ZE FILMS
TO YOU! SEARCH THEM, GASTON!

AW, YER OFF YA NUT...
SHE DIDN'T GIVE US ANYTHIN'!

AHA! HERE...
I HAVE FOUND
THEM, ARMAND!

EXCELLENT, COMRADE!
ORDER ZE PEEGS TO
SEET ON ZE FLOOR.
WHILE WE EXAMINE
ZE FILMS!

WELL
I'LL
BE...!

HERE... I RETURN ZE WALLETS. PARDONNEZ!
MOI, I AM SORREE TO GET YOU INTO THEES...
BUT I WAS DESPERATE. I WROTE DOWN ZE
ADDRESS... AND TOOK YOUR WALLETS TO
MAKE CERTAIN YOU WOULD FOLLOW ME!

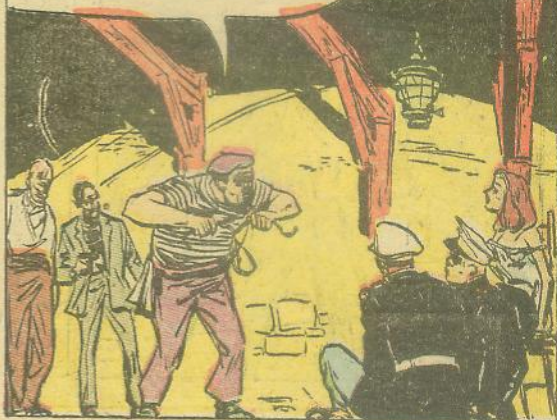
FORGET IT, HONEY... YOU
WERE ONLY DOING
YOUR DUTY!

YES, THEES ARE ZE CORRECT FILMS, ALL RIGHT!
NOW... I REGRET... WE MUST DO AWAY WITH
ZE THREE OF YOU. WE CANNOT HAVE ANY
WITNESSES TO THEES AFFAIR!

OH-OH... I KNEW IT WAS
COMIN'!



OF COURSE, SHOTS WOULD ATTRACT ZE
GENDARMES. SO... WE WEEEL DESTROY YOU
SILENTLY... BY ZE GARROTE-A SHORT PIECE
OF ROPE AROUND ZE NECK AND...
POOF! YOU ARE DEAD!



COMRADES, I HAVE SEEN SOMETHING VERY
INTERESTING IN ZE AMERICAN MOVIES.
APPARENTLY YANKEES FIGHTING MEN
PREFER TO DIE WITH THEIR BOOT ON. SO
WE WEEEL EXECUTE THEM IN DISGRACE...
ZE CROWNING IGNOMINY!



HOLD UP YOUR FEET
ZO I CAN REMOVE
ZE SHOES!

OKAY,
BUB!

OWSNAY
OURKAY
ANCECHAY!



GIVE IT TO 'EM
SPIKE!

YAHOO! THESE JERKS
WERE JUST PLEADIN'
FOR IT!

AAAANCHNN!



I'M GIVIN' THIS GUY MY FAMOUS DOUBLE-
REVERSE BOLO PUNCH. I BET HE WON'T
BE ABLE TO BREATHE FOR THREE MONTHS!

DUCK, SPIKE! THEY'RE
OPENING UP WITH THE
ARTILLERY!

**BAM! BAM!
BAM!**





THREE HOURS LATER...



PROSPECTOR PETE

PETE! YOU'VE BEEN DIGGING FOR GOLD FOR TWENTY SOME ODD YEARS! WHY DON'T YOU DO SOME **EASY** WORK FOR A CHANGE?

WHERE AM I GONNA FIND EASY WORK AROUND HERE?

THAT'S SIMPLE! THERE'S A MOVIE CREW IN TOWN! WHY DON'T YOU ASK THEM FOR A JOB?

WHEEE! WHAT A BREAK! THANKS, PAL!

SAY, FELLERS! HOW ABOUT GIVIN' ME ONE OF THEM THAR SOFT MOVIE JOBS?

WHY, OF COURSE! YOU'RE **JUST** THE TYPE!

WE'RE DOING A DESERT SCENE! START DIGGING FOR GOLD!!

ART
HELFANT

THE CROOKED DECK

HUNK BONNEY wet his thumb on his tongue and slowly fanned the cards in his hand. He looked at them briefly with cold, calculating eyes, then pushed a stack of chips to the center of the table.

He said, "I raise five hundred."

The next bidder was Dave Somyak. He mopped his face worriedly and cleared his throat. He looked at his cards again, wondering what to do. Then he decided.

"I'm droppin' out," he said. "Too steep for me."

That was just what Hunk Bonney had expected Somyak to say. He shouldn't have stayed in this long with only a pair of kings.

Directly across the table was Frank Ross. He shook his head and threw his cards down, surprising Bonney. Three sevens should have been enough to keep him in.

That left only Bob Scott, and Bonney knew that he was the only one of the three he would have to handle carefully. The others were easy marks, but Scott was shrewd, a man who played cards as if he meant business.

But Hunk Bonney knew that the pot was his. Gambling was for fools, and he was not a fool. He was smart enough to win without taking chances.

Bob Scott pushed out a stack of chips. "I'll see you," he said quietly. "An' it better be good."

Bonney smiled and spread his cards on the table. He had a flush in hearts, beating Scott's three aces.

"Sorry, boys," he said. "Seems like luck is ridin' my shoulders."

"Luck is right!" said Dave Somyak. "I've never seen anything like your streak!"

"Yeah," Frank Ross added. "This is our third night, an' I ain't won a pot yet."

"But I got a feelin' your luck might change real soon, Bonney," said Bob Scott. "Let's keep goin' an' see."

Hunk Bonney felt like laughing, but his face remained expressionless. They were

fools, he thought. Rich, powerful fools. If they were smart they would make their own luck, instead of leaving it to chance.

Bonney did not consider himself a gambler. Gamblers stacked the deck, dealt from the bottom, rang in hidden cards. Gamblers got caught, too—but he was too smart to get caught.

He used a marked deck to fleece other players, one with the daubs so cleverly hidden in the design of the cards he was sure that no one concentrating on the game would ever notice anything wrong. And he could read the daubs quickly and accurately.

Sometimes he would go a whole night without taking more than perhaps five pots. If the cards came right he made the others pay high stakes to see what he had; if not, he would drop out with only a few chips in the pot. It was a foolproof system, one that never failed.

Bonney put his hands up to his vest pockets, looking for cigars. The pockets were empty, but there were others in his coat, hanging on a chair against the wall.

He said, "Excuse me, gents, have to get a smoke."

He came back and watched as the cards were dealt. Somyak had a possible straight, Ross a pair of queens, and Scott had two eights. He thumbed his own hand. A pair of aces.

Scott counted off ten chips. "Open for a hundred," he said. "I feel lucky this time."

Bonney smiled. "Give you gents a chance to get your money back. Make it another five hundred."

They all stayed in, and Bonney watched the cards as they slipped across the table. Somyak missed his straight, Ross got another queen, and Scott drew a pair of kings to go with the eights.

Scott looked at his cards, then said, "Bet two hundred."

Bonney fanned his cards. "See you an' raise a thousand." He had pulled another bullet and a pair of hooks, building his

hand to a perfect full house.

Somyak dropped out and Ross stayed in. But Bob Scott was not finished.

"I'll raise again," he said. "Fifteen hundred."

Hunk Bonney did not understand the boost. He had pegged Scott as being smooth, and somehow this wasn't right. A second raise on two pair did not make sense.

"I think you're bluffin'," he said. "I'll match an' double you."

Ross stayed in, but said, "Let's not make it cutthroat, boys!"

Bob Scott looked at Bonney. "You go along on that, or would you like to make it real interestin'?"

Bonney shrugged. "Play 'em the way you see 'em."

"I figured you'd see it that way," Scott said, and took his wallet from his pocket. "I'll up it ten thousand."

Bonney pulled out his own wallet. This was going to be a real killing, the best he'd ever made.

"I still think you're bluffin'," he said. "But I haven't got enough. I'll be shy five hundred."

Scott was not satisfied. "Sorry," he said, "but I ain't takin' any short bets. Put up or drop out!"

Bonney frowned darkly. "You mean," he demanded, "that my credit's not good?"

Scott nodded. "That's just what I mean." Then he added, "But I sort of like those fancy duds of yours. I'd say they're worth just about what the pot is shy."

Bonney grinned. "You've made yourself a bet, mister. If I lose, you take all."

"Includin' the hotel-room key in your coat over there."

"Everything," Bonney agreed.

Scott and Bonney eyed each other. Then Scott took the sixgun from his holster and put it on the table.

"Just to be sure," he said tightly.

"Wait a minute," Bonney objected. "You mean that if I win you'll start shootin'?"

Scott shook his head. "I don't shoot, except when I have to. Just don't start anything."

Bonney nodded, relieved. "All right. I call."

Scott ground out his cigar on the floor, then said slowly, "I got two pair of—"

"Not enough!" Bonney broke in, his heart leaping. "It doesn't beat my full house!" He started to rake in the chips. But then he froze. He was staring into Scott's Colt.

"Not so fast, pard," Scott said. "You didn't let me finish. I started to say I had two pair. Of kings."

Hunk Bonney felt something go out of him as Scott spread the four kings on the table. It wasn't possible. Something was wrong. Scott should have had eights with kings over. Two pair.

"You were just a mite too sure of yourself, mister," Scott said. "It doesn't pay to leave the table for anything when you play poker."

Rage flew into Bonney. "You mean you cheated!" he exploded. "This is robbery!"

Scott shook his head. "Not robbery, friend. Just honest playin' for once. All I did was ring in a new deck of cards."

"A new deck?" Bonney cried, not understanding. "But— but—"

"That's right," Scott said dryly. "You forgot I stayed here after the rest of you left last night. I collected the cards together an' studied them an' fixed up a new deck."

He stared hard at Bonney, studying him. Then he went on:

"Only I reckon I did maybe cheat a mite. I didn't mark all the cards just the way you had."

"You're loco!" Bonney exclaimed, feeling cornered. "You can't prove I used marked cards. Maybe the cards were marked like you say, but that don't mean I marked 'em!"

"An' I'm not interested in provin' it," Scott said in a slow drawl. "All I'm interested in is the money you won from us. That," he added, "an' those duds you're wearin'. I told you I had a hankerin' for them."

He cocked the Colt with a steady thumb. "Take them off, mister," he ordered in a hard voice. "You'll still have your ornery hide—which is a lot more than you'd have left us with if you'd had the chance!"

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THE CAT
DRAGGED IN!"**

the boys yelled as I dragged myself into the gym, says Jowett Pupil, Gleason R. Cleveland. Then I gained 70 lbs. and made the football team.

CLEVELAND
BEFORE
90 lb.
Skeleton

GLEASON
CLEVELAND
AFTER JOWETT
TRAINING
160 lbs. of
Muscle

Now wouldn't YOU
Like To Have A New
Body Like Mine? I added

7 INCHES to my **CHEST**
3 1/2 INCHES to each **ARM**
and to the rest of my
body in proportion as
YOU can.

Yours *John Sill* UTAH

Let's go, young fellow,
Now YOU give me
**10 PLEASANT MINUTES A
DAY IN YOUR HOME**

LIKE SLIM JOHN SILL DID
and I'll give YOU a New
HE-MAN BODY as I gave
MANY THOUSANDS like YOU

NO! I don't care how skinny or
flabby you are. I'll make you
OVER by the SAME method I turned
myself from a wreck to the strongest
of the strong. Why can't I do for you
what I did for MANY THOUSANDS of
skinny fellows like YOU?

Develop YOUR 520 MUSCLES
Gain Pounds, INCHES FAST!

YES! You'll see INCHES of MIGHTY
MUSCLE added to your ARMS and
CHEST. Your BACK and SHOULDERS
broadened. From head to heels, you'll
gain SIZE, POWER, SPEED. You'll be
A WINNER in EVERYTHING you tackle.

ONLY MY
5-WAY PROGRESSIVE
POWER SYSTEM
BUILDS YOU
5-WAYS FAST
SO YOU
SAVE YEARS
AND
DOLLARS

GEORGE
F. JOWETT
"Champion of
Champions"
4 times Winner
Perfect
Man Contest

like John
BECOME A
MOVIE STAR
HE-MAN

Come on, PAL, NOW YOU ^{do} ^{as I did}
in 10 EASY MINUTES of FUN a day
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I GAINED 60 LBS.

of SHAPELY
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Full of New Strength and Self-Confidence

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John Sill
was a 125 lb.
Skinny
Weakling

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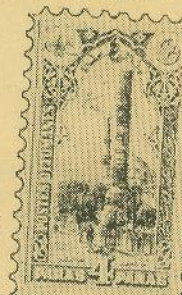
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